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Letter To The Editor

To The Editor,

Thank you, Gerald Ford. thank you for the two years of accomplishment as President of the United States. In Appomattox and in Virginia we voted to keep you as our leader and we are saddened that a majority of Americans did not share our sentiments on November 2.

In Appomattox, two weeks prior to Election Day, we formed a Ford-Dole committee of the Appomattox Republican Party. In these two weeks we opened a headquarters on Main Street complete with posters, buttons, bumper stickers and banners. We telephoned voters. We advertised in the TIMES-VIRGINIAN and on WTTX. We went house to house. We sang our songs on Main Street & at the shopping center. We were together on election night as the votes were counted & Jimmy Carter was elected. We would do it over again. In our county, our home, we had a good experience. People from widely varying backgrounds came together for this cause. We began to know each other and, before it was over, we all had formed new friendships.

We want to thank all those citizens who stopped at the headquarters and were so friendly. We thank those who drove by and smiled and waved in support. We applaud our opposition; those in Appomattox for Jimmy Carter were honorable. We worked side by side in freindly competition. Both our efforts were positive forces in the campaign.

The Ford-Dole Committee want to thank those people who responded with contributions to make much of the effort possible. There were many behind the scenes giving advice, as well as contribution, to the local campaign. All funds collected were spent in Appomattox.

We now offer our prayers for our new President. We pray that he will be prudent in leading the government - that he will remember the 36 million people who voted for a conservative leader. We pray that we will not spend too many moments longing for the steady competent leadership of Gerald Ford.

Ford-Dole Committee
Ron Steinkamp, chairman

Jordan

A large crowd attended the ordination services held at the Jordan Baptist Church at 3:00 P.M. Bro. Walter L. Mosley and Bro. Kenneth Jones were ordained as Deacons for the Jordan Baptist Church and Bro. C. D. Ferguson was ordained as Deacon for the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Roy Wood served as moderator with Rev. Wheating of New Hope preaching the ordination sermon. Rev. W. R. Jones served as Master of Ceremony for the devotions and the combination Senior choirs from Mt. Zion and Jordan furnished the music. We would like to thank all the deacons and friends from our neighboring churches who came out to make this program a success.

On Saturday night, Nov. 20th at 7:30 P.M. the Spiritual Knights of Madison Heights will celebrate part one of their anniversary here at the Jordan Baptist Church. Groups appearing will include: The Spiritual Echoes, The Golden Echoes, Mt. Zion Men's Chorus, The Gospel Crowns, The Mighty Wonders and The Spirtualettes The 2nd part will be at the Bowling Hill Baptist Church, Madison Heights on Sunday, Nov. 21, at 3:00 P.M.

The Ladies Club will meet on Saturday night at 7:30 P.M. All members are asked to be present.

There will be a special program sponsored by the Sunday School on Sunday night at 7:00 P.M. We invite the public to attend.

Senior Choir practice - Friday night - 7:30 P.M. members are asked to be present.

The Pastor Speaks

"For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. . ." Luke 2:30.

All of us can look at east off items lying around where we throw unused items as being junk but a certain housewife has always had the most intriguing Christmas decorations made from junk like this. She has looked at the same junk and has seen it as the exquisite eye-pleasure it can become.

A heart attack snatched away a brillant young nuclear scientist at the peak of his career. An autopsy revealed an insidious cancer, which would have soon caused him constant, excruciating pain. God was revealing his mercy to anyone with the eyes to recognize it.

Simon recognized the promised Messiah at only eight days of age when he was brought to the temple for purification according to the law of Moses. He saw what others of his priesthood never did.

In this Thanksgiving season which approaches, God will continue to reveal himself through those who, in the true Spirit of Christ, give of themselves to help others thankful. And it is these who give in this spirit who recognizes the Christ, the Messiah.

But recognizing Christ isn't enough. Even the demons, evil spirits under Satan's command, recognize Jesus. It is when we believe with all our hearts that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and profess with our lips that he is Our Saviour, then we shall be saved and receive the gift of eternal life.

Douglas E. Hager, Pastor
Elon Baptist Church

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The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUN., NOV. 14, 1976

The Reconciled Life

Scripture: Romans 12

Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

John Witherspoon, the great 18th-century educator and preacher, is credited with the authorship of a section of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, adopted in 1789, which reads:

"They (The Presbyterian Church) are unanimously of opinion: That truth is in order to goodness; and the great touchstone of truth its tendency to produce holiness; according to our Saviour's rule 'by their fruits ye shall know them' . . . they (the Church) are persuaded that there is an inseparable connection between faith and practice, truth and duty. Otherwise it would be on no consequence either to discover truth or to embrace it."

Witherspoon's dictum, "Truth is in order to goodness," is applicable to the secular life as well as the religious. We frequently describe education as the pursuit of truth. But all too often education, secular and religious, stops with the acquisition of truth. When it does, it stops short of fulfilling its purpose. We seek truth, not simply to find it but having found it to use it to make our lives better.

The Letter to the Romans is an example of Paul's application of this concept. He has written at length and in detail explanation of the great theological truths of justification, reconciliation and salvation. As he explains them, all are given mankind by the grace of God. God makes the believer righteous, that is, justifies him, by crediting to him the perfect righteousness of Jesus Christ. Nothing man does earns or deserves this credit. It is given him by God in the free exercise of His sovereign grace. So it is with reconciliation, God has initiated the move to reconcile disobedient and alienated mankind to Him. Also with salvation. Nothing man does saves him. Salvation is God's gift, accomplished through the atoning death of Jesus Christ.

Is man to do nothing, then? We have already seen a part of Paul's answer to this question in the lesson four Sundays ago based on Romans 6. We get another part of Paul's answer in this week's International Sunday School lesson. From profound theology Paul moves to practical living. The believer gives evidence of his justification by God, his reconciliation to God and his salvation to eternal life with God in a godly and righteous life.

The climax of the Letter to the Romans is not its theology but rather the application of that theology to living. As he learns the truth of justification and reconciliation and salvation, it produces in the believer godly living. This is the life which results when a believer gives his total life to God as a living sacrifice. Paul exhorts the beliver to use whatever talents he has to glorify God and charts a course of conduct for all believers to follow. This course of conduct is a description of righteous living.

God who is the source of all truth has given truth to mankind for a purpose. The purpose is that man use it to God's glory and humanity's benefit. Simply to hold it is deadening. This is true of secular as well as religious truth. To discover some truth which will improve the lot of humanity and enable people to live better and never to share it is to render that truth useless. So it is with spiritual truth. To hold it to one's self and never share it is to deprive it of its value. Nor does one benefit himself by keeping the truths he learns to himself.

In his letters Paul reveals himself not only as a brilliant theologian but also as a practical Christian. He never delves so deeply into theological truth or soars so high in mystical contemplation that he loses sight of the practical concerns of daily living. As he builds a solid structure of faith, he also provides sound guidelines for practice. With him, as it should be with every Christian, faith is not to be divorced from practice or practice from faith.

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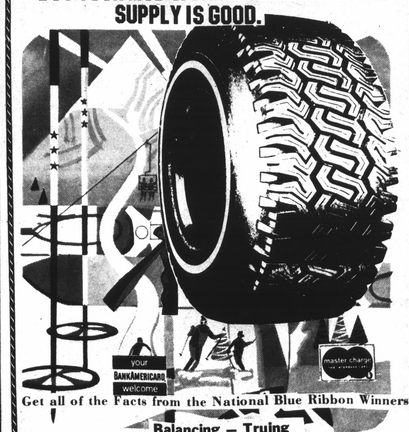

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Scout Leader Needed

A man in needed to lead a den of Webelos Scouts in Appomattox. Cub Scout Pack 546, sponsored by Memorial United Methodist Church, reinstated the Webelos program for 10 year old boys in September. The response from boys interested in the program has been greater than the present leadership is equipped to handle.

Webelos is a program for boys in their last year of Cub Scouting before entering Boy Scouts. Appropriatly, the name Webelos means "We'll be loyal Scouts". Boys enter Cub Scouts when they are eight years old. In their first two years they work in groups, called dens, with a woman leader often the mother of one of the boys. When a boy reaches ten years old the program changes and the influence of a man is required. The Webelos Leader must be a man of at least eighteen years. The Webelos program is centered around work on activity badges; the 15 badges such as those for athlete, citizen, craftsman, outdoorsman, scientist, and sportsman, allow a leader to stimulate interest among the boys in areas where he is familiar or has a skill.

The Scouting program objectives are Citizenship training, Character Building, and Development of Mental and Physical Fitness. The Cub Scout Pack Committee wants to continue this program for all interested boys. To volunteer as a leader or assistant leader for a Webelos Den of 4 or 5 boys, call Cubmaster Edward Leonard at 352-8891, Committee Chariman Bill Neathawk at 352-7618, or Committeeman Ron Steinkamp at 352-8620, for an interview.

Scouting experience is not necessary. The program is completely developed and all programs, games, and activities are detailed in available Scouting manuals. Training sessions are also available. Let's not deny this Webelos program to the youth of Appomattox.

Stonewall

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

So very sorry to report Mr. Hugh Braford is a patient in McGuire Hospital, Richmond, is critically ill.

Mr. Gary Harris is in the Virginia Baptist Hospital, also Mrs. Annette Alvis.

Sympathy goes to Mrs. Estelle Martin in the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Harding.

Mrs. Mary Barrell spent the week end with her father, J. O. Davidson, and Uncle Crawford Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrison and twin sons are coming soon to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler and Mrs. Thelma Martin were dinner guests of Miss Mamie Cullop Sunday. What a grand meal she served.

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Mitchell had as their week end guests Mr. and Mrs. Milton Stargill, Jackie, Tony, and Malinda, of Schuyler, Va.

Mrs. Fan Bracey, of Norfolk, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nina Caldwell.

The home of Mr. T. Sandidge The home of Mr. T. Sandridge burned all but one room last week. They are staying there at night and in the day his brother, Len Sandidge's home, which is close by.

Mr. Scott Elliott went back to school Monday. He went to Charlottesville last Tuesday and the doctor put on a lighter cast.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gilbert are away on vacation to Buena Vista and Roanoke.

Mrs. Tom McVetty went hoqie to Michigan last week. It was so nice to have her with her mother, Mrs. Elsie Thornhill.

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